



# SUMMARY MINUTES

**ABAG Power Executive Committee**

**Meeting 2002-06**

September 18, 2002

Metro Center 101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland CA 94607

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Jeff Kolin opened the meeting with introductions at 12:10 p.m.

### **Committee Representatives & Alternates Present**

Richard Averett (via teleconference)

Wayne Green

Jeff Kolin (via teleconference)

John Lisenko

Terry Mann

Steve Sprotte

Karen Stein (via teleconference)

### **Jurisdictions**

City of San Carlos

City of Salinas

City of Santa Rosa

City of Foster City

County of Contra Costa

City of Union City

Town of Moraga

### **Committee Representatives Absent**

Michael Garvey

Alan Nadritch

John Schofield

City of San Carlos

City of Benicia

City of Richmond

### **Staff Present**

Joseph Chan

Jerry Lahr

Vina Maharaj

Ken Moy

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no public comments.

## APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2002 MEETING

Motion was made by Averett/S/Mann/C to approve the Summary Minutes of July 17, 2002 Executive Committee Meeting.

## STATUS REPORT ON NATURAL GAS PROGRAM

Jerry Lahr presented the executive committee with the monthly Summary of Operations of the Natural Gas Program. In addition, he presented a chart comparing gas purchase and pricing options.



Lahr said that ABAG POWER has refrained from making additional long-term gas purchases due to relatively high gas prices which they do not believe are supported by the current weather, storage and political situations. Lahr recommended that due to the relatively high premiums that are currently being charged on “participating-fixed” gas purchase contracts, ABAG POWER postpone entering into this type of contract and continue the current process of purchasing additional gas through monthly contracts while at the same time considering additional fixed-price contracts. Lahr said that if the premiums on participating-fixed contracts come down to a fifty-cent range, then this would be a more viable option. There was general agreement amongst the executive committee members to proceed with Lahr’s recommendation.

An Executive Committee member questioned some of the rate comparison factors shown in the monthly Summary of Operations. Lahr said that it was difficult to provide an exact month-to-month, “apples to apples” comparison with PG&E’s rate due to various credits and corrections that are applied to PG&E’s rate, however, Lahr agreed to look at ways he could provide the requested information in the future.

#### **ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Motion was made by Mann/S/Green/C to cancel the regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meeting date of October 16 and hold the Annual Board of Directors Meeting on October 17, 2002 which is being held in conjunction with ABAG’s Winter General Assembly.

Lahr said that ABAG POWER will be contacting members in the weeks prior to the Annual Board meeting to gauge member’s interest and continued participation in the Executive Committee and to seek new members. There was a brief discussion regarding the member composition of the future Executive Committee and the vested interest of the member as related to participation and voting issues. Moy explained the current executive committee structure and pointed out that if there are problems in the future then discussions should be held before making structural changes.

#### **AMENDMENT TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

The Fair Political Practices Commission has requested revisions to ABAG POWER’s proposed code. Moy gave a brief outline of the code, the posting of the notice, and the comment period. Lahr said that this will be an action item at the Annual Board meeting and will be presented for approval at that time.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation [Govt. C. Sec. 54956.9(a)]

**ABAG POWER v PG&E**

ABAG POWER Executive Committee members were presented with a report on the above litigation. An Action was taken by the Executive Committee to provide a recommendation to the full ABAG POWER Board at their meeting on October 17, 2002.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30p.m.

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